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SUBJECT: NISSAN MOTOR CO. PROJECT WITH THE RUSSIAN
SCIENTIFIC CENTER FOR APPLIED CHEMISTRY (RNTS PKH) PROPOSED
UNDER THE ISTC IN MOSCOW; DEMARCHE DELIVERED

REF: SECSTATE 85005

Classified By: EST MC RABENS, REASONS: 1.4 (B) AND (D)

11. (S) On June 22, 2007, EST officer delivered the points in the reftel to MOFA's International Science Cooperation Division, Ms. Ryoko Henna and Tetsuo Takagi. MOFA officials thanked Embassy for passing the information. However they requested time to study the new information with other GOJ colleagues to determine what course of action Japan will take. Mr. Takagi said that GOJ must consider carefully its strong relationship with Nissan Motor Company and ISTC in Moscow before moving forward to request Nissan to withdraw its proposed project with the Russian Scientific Center for Applied Chemistry. In order to better evaluate this situation, Mr. Takagi cautioned that Japan is likely to request additional information about the Iranian ties to the center in Russia.

12. (C) ESToff will contact MOFA next week to see if GOJ has decided whether to present Nissan with reftel information. Comment: Ryoko Henna pointed out that she is new to her position and that her office is not accustomed to such sensitive requests. Therefore interagency coordination may be necessary, and will take some time.
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